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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The eighth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 9 to 27 January 1995. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 9 January, at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the eighth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its seventh session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 17 to 21 October 1994.

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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

Item 2. Organizational and other matters

2. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

Item 3. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention

3. Initial reports under article 44 were due in 1992 from 57 States parties as listed in document CRC/C/3. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the 31 States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 but which had not been received as at 3 November 1994 are listed below:

State party	Date on which initial report was due
Bangladesh	1 September 1992
Belize	1 September 1992
Benin	1 September 1992
Bhutan	1 September 1992
Ecuador	1 September 1992
Ghana	1 September 1992
Guatemala	1 September 1992
Guinea	1 September 1992
Kenya	1 September 1992
Mauritius	1 September 1992
Mongolia	1 September 1992
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 September 1992
Sierra Leone	1 September 1992
Togo	1 September 1992
Gambia	6 September 1992
Uganda	15 September 1992
Guinea-Bissau	18 September 1992
Seychelles	6 October 1992
Zimbabwe	10 October 1992
Venezuela	12 October 1992
Nepal	13 October 1992
Mali	19 October 1992
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	20 October 1992
Brazil	23 October 1992
Zaire	26 October 1992
Malta	29 October 1992
Chad	31 October 1992
Barbados	7 November 1992
Burundi	17 November 1992
Grenada	4 December 1992
Uruguay	19 December 1992

4. The Secretary-General, by notes verbales sent on 3 November 1993 and 7 November 1994, requested those States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 and had not yet been received to submit their reports as soon as possible.

5. The list of 47 States parties whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention were due in 1993 appears in document CRC/C/8/Rev.3. The 30 States parties whose initial reports were due in 1993 but had not yet been received as at 3 November 1994 are listed below:

State party	Date on which initial report was due
Angola	3 January 1993
Djibouti	4 January 1993
Panama	10 January 1993
Australia	15 January 1993
Malawi	31 January 1993
Guyana	12 February 1993
Côte d'Ivoire	5 March 1993
Cyprus	8 March 1993
Bahamas	21 March 1993
Dominica	11 April 1993
Nigeria	18 May 1993
Yemen	30 May 1993
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	6 June 1993
Ethiopia	12 June 1993
Lebanon	12 June 1993
Sao Tome and Principe	12 June 1993
Mauritania	14 June 1993
Slovenia	24 June 1993
Bulgaria	2 July 1993
Dominican Rep.	10 July 1993
Finland	19 July 1993
The Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	16 September 1993
Cuba	19 September 1993
Croatia	7 October 1993
Israel	1 November 1993
Hungary	5 November 1993
Estonia	19 November 1993
Kuwait	19 November 1993
Rep. of Korea	19 December 1993
San Marino	24 December 1993

6. The Secretary-General, by notes verbales sent on 7 November 1994, requested those States parties whose initial reports were due in 1993 and had not yet been received to submit their reports as soon as possible.

7. The list of 25 States parties whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention are due in 1994 appears in document CRC/C/11/Rev.3. The 16 States parties whose initial reports were due by 27 October 1994 but had not yet been received as at 3 November 1994 are listed below:

State party	Date on which initial report was due
Trinidad and Tobago	3 January 1994
Zambia	4 January 1994
Lithuania	28 February 1994
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1994
Bahrain	14 March 1994
Albania	27 March 1994
China	31 March 1994
Lesotho	8 April 1994
Thailand	25 April 1994
Latvia	13 May 1994
Central African Rep.	23 May 1994
Cape Verde	3 July 1994
Equatorial Guinea	14 July 1994
Austria	4 September 1994
Azerbaijan	11 September 1994
Ireland	27 October 1994

8. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/36), as well as a note by the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the consideration of initial reports by States parties to the Convention (CRC/C/27/Rev.2).

Item 4. Consideration of reports of States parties

9. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the eighth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Tuesday, 10 Jan.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Philippines	CRC/C/3/Add.23
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Wednesday, 11 Jan.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
Thursday, 12 Jan.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Colombia	CRC/C/8/Add.3 and add. info.
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Monday, 16 Jan.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Poland	CRC/C/8/Add.11
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Tuesday, 17 Jan.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
Wednesday, 18 Jan.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Jamaica	CRC/C/8/Add.12
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"

Thursday, 19 Jan.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Jamaica	CRC/C/8/Add.12
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Denmark	CRC/C/8/Add.8
Friday, 20 Jan.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Tuesday, 24 Jan.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	United Kingdom	CRC/C/11/Add.1
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	"	"
Wednesday, 25 Jan.	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	"	"

10. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information.

11. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the eighth session of the Committee at which their respective reports will be examined and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

Item 5. System of documentation and information

12. Under this item, the Committee may wish to continue discussing issues relating to the system of information and documentation relevant to the work of the Committee, including the question of the establishment of a computerized network. The Committee may also wish to pursue the discussion started at the consultative meeting on 9 October 1993, organized in cooperation with UNICEF, and continued during the follow-up consultative meeting on an information and documentation system to support the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, held at the Centre for Human Rights on 19 January 1994.

Item 6. General discussion on "The girl child"

13. In accordance with rule 75 of its provisional rules of procedure, the Committee decided, at its seventh session, that at its next session a day of general discussion would be held on Monday, 23 January 1995, devoted to the topic of the girl child, and agreed to invite interested bodies and agencies and individual experts to participate in that general discussion. Invitations were dispatched by the secretariat to relevant organizations and individuals on 7 November 1994.

Item 7. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

14. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion on ways and areas in which existing cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

Item 8. Methods of work of the Committee

15. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up, including where necessary areas identified for technical assistance, and the urgent procedure.

16. Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on areas identified by the Committee for technical assistance and advisory services (CRC/C/37).

Item 9. Future meetings of the Committee

17. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

Item 10. Other matters

18. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.